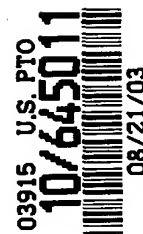


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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FOR: Cyanomethyl Substituted Thiazoliums and Imidazoliums and  
Treatments of Disorders Associated with Protein Aging



**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

1. This is a request for filing a continuation patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). This patent application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/905,035, filed July 13, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. This application is a total of 51 pages. This application includes:
  - 41 pages of specification (not including claims, abstract, or figures)
  - 9 pages of claims
  - 1 page of abstract
3. A Declaration/Power of Attorney is enclosed (3 pages).
4. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 form including references previously disclosed in parent application USSN 09/905,035 is enclosed (6 pages).

5. Fees associated with this application have been calculated as follows:

| CLAIMS AS FILED   |                 |                        |                 |          |  |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|--|
| Claims  | Number<br>Filed | Basic Fee<br>Allowance | Number<br>Extra | Rate     | Basic Fee<br>37 C.F.R. 1.16(a)<br>\$750.00 |
| Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))                              | 18              | - 20 =                 | 0               | \$18.00  | \$0.00                                     |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R.<br>1.16(b))                     | 4               | - 3 =                  | 1               | \$84.00  | \$84.00                                    |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if<br>any<br>(37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)) |                 |                        |                 | \$280.00 | \$0.00                                     |
| SUBTOTAL:   |                 |                        |                 |          | \$834.00                                   |
| Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:                  |                 |                        |                 |          | \$417.00                                   |
| TOTAL FEE:  |                 |                        |                 |          | \$417.00                                   |

6. A check in the amount of **\$417.00** is enclosed.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 26448-505 CON.
8. A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

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